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OH ...
A PINNING TECHNIQUE ...
TO THINK YOU'D BLOW GENMUSAI AWAY.
In modern terms, this would be considered an instant hypnosis. It was considered a special kind of paranormal ability only a select few could master.
NNGH !
BUT IT SEEMS THAT WAS YOUR FINAL TRUMP CARD.
WHAT'S MORE, YOU'VE ALREADY EXHAUSTED YOUR STRENGTH
I SHALL CLEAVE YOUR HEAD FROM YOUR BODY, WITH EXQUISITE BEAUTY.

HMM!? WHY NOT, GENMUSAI ?
DON'T KILL HIM!!

I'LL BE THE ONE TO KILL HIM!!
NKK KCH ...

KCCH... I CAN'T MOVE...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER FELT SUCH SHAME...
WHAT? THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU.
WE HAVE TO FINISH THIS QUICKLY AND TAKE SHIMA SAKON'S HEAD, AS IS OUR OBJECTIVE.
THIS IS UN-ACCEPT-ABLE!
I MUST BURY HIM WITH MY OWN SWORD!!
WELL, ROKURO OF KAI?
YOU'RE IN NO CONDITION TO FIGHT, EITHER.

I ACCEPT.
WE WILL SETTLE THIS NEXT TIME WE MEET.
LET US PUT THIS BATTLE ON HOLD.

SINCE IT SEEMS THAT SHIMA SAKON HAS ESCAPED.
YES.
HEH... THAT WOULD BE RATHER FUN.
ALSO ...

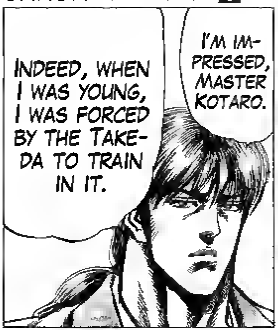
THERE ARE FUMA REMAINING.
MASTER KOTARO'S ORDERS ARE ABSOLUTE.
WE CANNOT LET HIM DIE, NO MATTER WHAT.
HAD YOU BROUGHT DOWN YOUR SWORD, YOU WOULD HAVE DIED.

HEHHEHE... WE'LL SAVE THE FUN OF KILLING YOU TWO FOR LATER.
YOU COULD NEVER KILL ME, KURENAI TOKINOJO.
HEH... WHAT INSOLENT PESTS.
UNDER-STOOD.
LET US GO.

The Rakshasa were gone... But Rokuro felt as if he had just begun a long, harsh duel with Genmusai.
HUFF ...
PHEW ...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, ROKURO? WE NEED TO TREAT YOU, QUICK!

TELL MASTER KOTARO THAT ROKURO SENDS HIS THANKS.
HUFF...
HUFF...
UN NGH!
T-THAT WAS CLOSE ...

Back when Rokuro and Kotaro were in the mountains...
IF MASTER KOTARO HADN'T TAUGHT ME THAT TECHNIQUE... GENMUSAI WOULD HAVE DEFEATED ME...


I'M IMPRESSED, MASTER KOTARO.
INDEED, WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I WAS FORCED BY THE TAKEDA TO TRAIN IN IT.

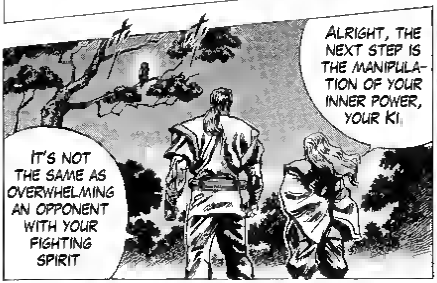
YES. IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN MASTER BY TRAINING ALONE. YOUR NATURAL TALENT IS MOST IMPORTANT.
...
BUT I NEVER COMPLETELY MASTERED IT
...
AND IT REQUIRES SUPERHUMAN POWER.

SIR ROKURO. ONE THING I NOTICED, WHEN I FIRST LAID EYES ON YOU...
WAS THAT YOU KNEW HOW TO USE THE IMMOBILIZING BIND. ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

FIRST, WATCH MY MOVEMENTS AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE FLOW OF MY INNER POWER.
THE TECHNIQUE I WANT TO PASS ON TO YOU IS THE FUMA IMMOBILIZING LIGHTNING. IT CANNOT BE PERFORMED WITHOUT THIS NATURAL TALENT.

YOU SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF THIS.
COME. FOLLOW ME.
!?
HUH!? HE'S UPSIDE-DOWN!?

NOW, FOLLOW ME!!
UNDERSTAND MY INNER POWER!!
I CAN SEE IT!! I CAN SEE HIS INNER POWER!!


ALRIGHT, THE NEXT STEP IS THE MANIPULATION OF YOUR INNER POWER, YOUR KI.
IT'S NOT THE SAME AS OVERWHELMING AN OPPONENT WITH YOUR FIGHTING SPIRIT

PHEW ...

FROM THIS POSITION...
MOVE AS IF YOU WERE REACHING OUT TO CRUSH THE OWL'S HEART...

HOU
!!
T-THAT'S IMMOBILIZING LIGHTNING!!
THIS TECHNIQUE WILL LET YOU KILL YOUR OPPONENTS WITHOUT SO MUCH AS TOUCHING THEM.

FORGET DYING, HE GOT RIGHT BACK UP!
GENMUSAI ... WAS A TRUE TERROR...
IF I DON'T HONE MY SKILL WITH THIS TECHNIQUE, THE NEXT FIGHT WILL BE MY END.
BUT ...
THERE!
I'M SURE THEY WERE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE ...
PLEASE, LOOK AFTER THEM.
F... FATHER!

HMM?
AH!
W-WHO'S THAT!?
WE'RE SAFE HERE. THEY WON'T FOLLOW US THIS FAR.
HUFF ... HUFF ...
OHH! MASTER FUSAI!!
GRAND-FATHER!

HAD WE ARRIVED AN HOUR LATER...
THANK GOODNESS WE MADE IT ON TIME.

THE FLAME OF LORD SAKON'S LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN SNUFFED OUT.

YOUR TREATMENTS SEEM TO BE WORKING, GRANDFATHER. HE'LL SURVIVE.

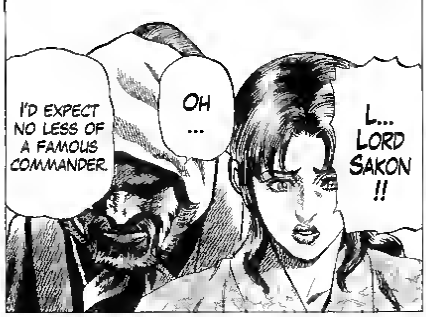
But why did the Rakshasa stop fighting midway?
There are fifty Fuma guarding Sakon.
Heh...
Perfect. I will now report to Lord Hidetada...
that the Rakshasa failed to kill Sakon.
I must end Shima Sakon's life, no matter the cost!
must think of me, Yagyu Munenori, as the only one he can rely on.
Lord Hidetada...

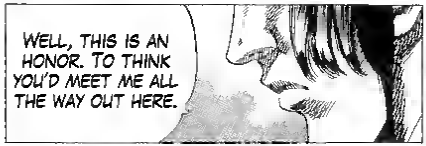
NOW YOUR FATHER WILL WATCH OVER YOU TWO AS LONG AS YOU LIVE.

I REPAIRED ALL THE BROKEN PARTS.

THERE, THAT'S BETTER.

LORD SAKON, YOU SHOULDN'T BE UP YET! YOUR WOUNDS WILL OPEN!
AH!


I'D EXPECT NO LESS OF A FAMOUS COMMANDER.
OH ...
L... LORD SAKON !!


WELL, THIS IS AN HONOR. TO THINK YOU'D MEET ME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE.

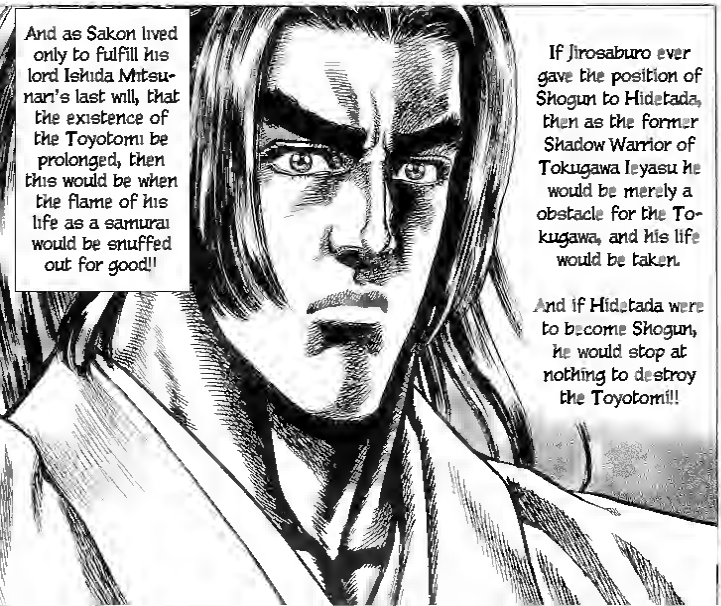
OH, NO NEED FOR FORMAL GREETINGS.
L-LORD IEYASU!!

I MYSELF WAS ONCE AN ORDINARY RURAL SAMURAI, SO I DISGUISED MYSELF AS ONE AND HURRIED OVER HERE.
GAHA HAHA ...

SO YOU COULDN'T PROTECT THE FATHER OF THESE CHILDREN.
I SEE.

NATSU HERE IS ONE OF THEM.
YES. THERE ARE COUNTLESS CHILDREN IN THIS WORLD WHO HAVE LOST THEIR PARENTS DUE TO WAR.
LORD SAKON, LET ME TAKE CARE OF THESE CHILDREN!
PLEASE DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!
BUT HE IS RIGHT.
IF I DIE, THEY'RE YOURS.
YES.
AND WHILE WE STILL HAVEN'T SOLIDIFIED A STRONGHOLD ...
BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THAT DREAM, MANY SAMURAI AND LORDS HAVE BEEN CRUSHED, AND MANY RONIN HAVE LOST THEIR STIPENDS. THE PEASANTS SUFFER AS WELL.
FOUR YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE SEKIGAHARA, AND THE TOKUGAWA CONTINUE THEIR ATTEMPTS TO UNIFY THIS NATION,

IF I GIVE HIM THE POSITION OF SHOGUN — RULER OF ALL SAMURAI — ANY POWER I STILL HAVE WILL BE GONE COMPLETELY!
HIDETADA WANTS ME TO GIVE HIM THE TITLE OF SHOGUN!


And as Sakon lived only to fulfill his lord Ishida Mitsunari's last will, that the existence of the Toyotomi be prolonged, then this would be when the flame of his life as a samurai would be snuffed out for good!!
If Jirosaburo ever gave the position of Shogun to Hidetada, then as the former Shadow Warrior of Tokugawa Ieyasu he would be merely a obstacle for the Tokugawa, and his life would be taken.
And if Hidetada were to become Shogun, he would stop at nothing to destroy the Toyotomi!!

SAKON

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=戦国風雲録=

Chapter Twenty

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FIGHT TAZMO

To my fellow fans -

Recently, a member of the community named Blud typed out a informative, and well written page that detailed the exploits of Narutofan creator Tazmo.

The point of this was to further spread the awareness of who Tazmo is, what he does, and why it is wrong. However, things like these tend to eventually need updating, and that is why this has been typed out.

What Blud stated is all very correct. However, it must be brought to everyones attention that Tazmo has expanded into full blown, stand alone websites that he has referred to as "revolutionary services".

http://www.anime-plus.com

and

http://www.manga-plus.com

These websites seek to misinform manga and anime fans across the world into believing that his services are fair, the only one of their kind, and more secure than using other resources such as IRC or BitTorrent to get what you want.

The truth is as follows: Tazmo himself uses IRC and BitTorrent to get the files on his websites. He uses the FREE resources that every single one of you can also use, so that he can charge you various fees for getting what is FREE.

Tazmo is profiteering off of a FREE service provided by various members of the anime and manga community who donate their spare time to bring the latest manga and anime to you for FREE. They donate their time, work, and abilities in various areas, as well as use their own bandwidth to serve files.

There are various FREE ways to get and read the manga you want. There are free online readers such as http://www.onemanga.com as well as http://www.mangahut.com.

There are also resource websites such as http://www.mangahelpers.com, http://www.mangashare.com, as well as database resource sites such as http://www.mangaupdates.com.

There are thousands of people who work thousands of hours weekly to bring you the manga you love to read, as well as the anime you love to watch. They do it not to make a profit, but for FREE as a FREE service to the community that we all love very much. **EVERYTIME TAZMO MAKES MONEY OFF OF THEIR HARD WORK HE NOT ONLY INSULTS THEM, BUT INSULTS ALL THOSE WHO PAY FOR HIS SERVICE. Do the right thing, stop supporting Tazmo.**

Drafted by Kaleb. Inspired by Blud. Free distribution with any releases is encouraged.
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